

Sandgates on Cat Creek
East of Oakville on Maryland 472
Oakville Vicinity
St. Mary's County
Maryland

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Maryland	COUNTY St. Mary's County	TOWN OR VICINITY Oakville Vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Sandgates on Cat Creek		HABS NO. MD-874
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) East of Oakville on Maryland 472		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1740-1780	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Colonial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame with brick ends		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) One and one-half story, three bay, hall and parlor plan. The ground floor has a hall, parlor and back room, with an entry into the slightly larger hall on the northeast and (see p. 2)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Sides are covered with weatherboard, painted white, with boxed cornices at the corners. The brick end walls are laid in Flemish bond; each has a double chimney with a one-story, brick roofed pent. The shingled gabled roof has three gable roofed dormers.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The hall and parlor are paneled across the end walls with a paneling that incorporates a cornice, chair rail, cupboard and raised panels. The stair has turned balusters, a molded rail of walnut, molded wood treads and simple brackets on the step ends.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1964 Kitchen-hyphen addition		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Privately owned residence		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The earliest description of the house is in the Federal Tax Assessment for St. Mary's County of 1798. Owned by John Smith (Sr.), it was described as a dwelling house 32'x34', & three outhouses 16'x 40', 16'x16' and 12'x12'.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register Nomination Form, National Register Files, Nov. 14, 1978		
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SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (Continued from Page 1)

a small stair hall on the southwest. On either side of the stair hall is a small room. The stair hall is a major architectural feature, the stairs rising in a broken flight and ending over the door to the great room. All of the rooms on the second floor are partitioned with seventeenth century vertical paneling, which was salvaged from an earlier house and incorporated here at the time of construction.